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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 ~~[[5]]~~ further comprising ~~[[of]]~~ an air blower for maintaining inflation ~~of said base~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 ~~[[5]]~~ wherein said slide is portable such that said slide ~~air inflatable membrane~~ can be deflated for shipping and inflated on-site for use.

8. (Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 ~~[[1]]~~ wherein said low friction top surface ~~, durable sheeting material~~ includes a separate layer sized to lie upon and substantially fully cover said inclined inflatable portion ~~top surface~~.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 ~~[[1]]~~ wherein said low friction top surface ~~durable sheeting material~~ comprises a member selected from the group consisting of nylon, Teflon, sailcloth, Dacron, vinyl, artificial turf, synthetic carpet and polyester resins.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 ~~[[1]]~~ wherein said top surface is provided with moguls to provide said top surface with an uneven contour.

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13. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 [[1]] wherein areas of high friction are provided on said top surface.

14. – 21. (Canceled)

22. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 [[5]] wherein said slide [[base]] is constructed to enable said slide to float in a body of water.

23. – 86. (Canceled)

87. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 [[1]] further including a zip line suspended from said top surface and a bungee cord appended to said zip line for releasable attachment to a user of said slide.

88. (Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 [[1]] wherein means are provided for introducing snow and ice to said top surface.

89. – 101. (Canceled)

102. (Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114 [[1]], further comprising a fluid conduit for introducing a fluid onto said top surface of said slide.

103. (Currently Amended) The inflatable activity slide of claim 102, wherein said fluid conduit for introducing a fluid onto said top surface includes a fluid pump.

104. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A composite slide comprising:
the inflatable activity slide of claim 114 [[1]]; and

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a second slide, said second slide having a top surface to facilitate sliding thereon, said top surface comprising a low friction, durable sheeting material;
wherein said two slides are detachably joined together.

105. (Withdrawn) The composite slide of claim 104, wherein said two slides are joined side by side.

106. (Withdrawn) The composite slide of claim 104, wherein said two slides are joined end to end.

107. (Withdrawn) The composite slide of claim 104, wherein said two slides are joined with grommets.

108. (Currently Amended) In combination:
the inflatable activity slide of claim 114 [[1]]; and
a riding element being of sufficient size to support a user, said riding element configured for riding on said slide.

109. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 108, wherein said riding element includes a low friction durable sheeting material for sliding upon said top surface of said slide.

110. (Previously Presented) The slide of claim 102 wherein said fluid is water.

111. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The slide of claim 114 [[1]], further comprising a plurality of appended activity sections which are detachable from said slide.

112. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 111, wherein at least one of the plurality of activity sections includes a trampoline.

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113. (Withdrawn) The slide of claim 111, wherein at least a portion of at least one of the plurality of activity sections includes a low friction durable sheeting material.

114. (New) An inflatable activity slide for supporting a user, the slide comprising:
an inclined inflatable portion with a low-friction top surface for sliding thereon, the inclined inflatable portion having an upper end and a lower end;
a lower substantially horizontal inflatable portion adjacent the lower end of the inclined portion with a low-friction top surface for sliding thereon;
an upper substantially horizontal inflatable portion adjacent the upper end of the inclined portion;
an inflatable side bumper extending along each side of the inclined portion and the upper substantially horizontal portion; and
an upwardly extending inflatable support structure for allowing a user to access the upper substantially horizontal portion from a ground surface.

115. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114, wherein said upper substantially horizontal portion includes a high-friction top surface to prevent inadvertent slippage.

116. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114, wherein said upper substantially horizontal portion includes a bouncy trampoline-like surface.

117. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114, wherein said inflatable support structure includes a rigid frame.

118. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114, wherein said inflatable support structure includes stairs.

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119. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114, wherein said inflatable support structure is integral with at least one of the inclined inflatable portion, the lower substantially horizontal inflatable portion, and the upper substantially horizontal inflatable portion.

120. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114, wherein said side bumper extends along the lower substantially horizontal portion.

121. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114, wherein said side bumper is a first side bumper, the inflatable activity slide further comprising a second side bumper extending along the upper substantially horizontal portion, and positioned above the first side bumper.

122. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 114, wherein said inclined inflatable portion and said upper substantially horizontal portion form a first section, and said lower substantially horizontal portion forms a second section, wherein the first and second sections are detachable and are adapted to be held together by at least one fastener.

123. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 122, wherein said first section includes a portion of the side bumper, and said second section includes another portion of the side bumper.

124. (New) An inflatable activity slide for supporting a user, the slide comprising:
an inclined inflatable portion with a low-friction top surface for sliding thereon, the inclined inflatable portion having an upper end and a lower end;
a lower substantially horizontal inflatable portion adjacent the lower end of the inclined portion with a low-friction top surface for sliding thereon;
an upper substantially horizontal inflatable portion adjacent the upper end of the inclined portion;
an inflatable side bumper extending along each side of the inclined portion and the upper substantially horizontal portion;

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a support structure for allowing a user to access the upper substantially horizontal portion from a ground surface; and

wherein said inflatable activity slide is detachable into at least a first section and a second section wherein said first and second sections are adapted to be held together by at least one fastener.

125. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 124, wherein said inclined inflatable portion and said upper substantially horizontal portion form the first section, and said lower substantially horizontal portion forms the second section.

126. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 124, wherein said support structure is inflatable.

127. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 126, wherein said support structure is integral with at least one of the inclined inflatable portion, the lower substantially horizontal inflatable portion, and the upper substantially horizontal inflatable portion.

128. (New) An inflatable activity slide for supporting a user, the slide comprising:
an inflatable starting pad;
an inflatable stopping pad;
an inflatable sliding portion positioned between said inflatable starting pad and said inflatable stopping pad;
an inflatable side bumper positioned along the length of said inflatable sliding portion;
an upwardly extending support structure for allowing a user to access the starting pad from a ground surface; and
wherein the activity slide when inflated has a predetermined configuration in which the starting pad is positioned above and substantially parallel to the stopping pad and the sliding portion is inclined.

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129. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, wherein said support structure is inflatable.

130. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, wherein said support structure includes a rigid frame.

131. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, wherein said inflatable activity slide is detachable into at least a first section and a second section wherein said first and second sections are adapted to be held together by at least one fastener.

132. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 131, wherein said inflatable sliding portion and said inflatable starting pad form the first section, and said inflatable stopping pad forms the second section.

133. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, further comprising an end bumper positioned along at least a portion of the terminal end of the stopping pad.

134. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 133, wherein said inflatable side bumper and said end bumper form a continuous bumper.

135. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, wherein said inflatable side bumper extends along the starting pad.

136. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, wherein said starting pad includes a high-friction top surface to prevent inadvertent slippage.

137. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, wherein said stopping pad includes a high-friction top surface to slow down a user.

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138. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, further comprising a fluid conduit for introducing a fluid onto said slide.

139. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 138, wherein said fluid conduit for introducing a fluid onto said top surface includes a fluid pump.

140. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, further comprising an air blower for maintaining inflation.

141. (New) The inflatable activity slide of claim 128, wherein said slide is portable such that said slide can be deflated for shipping and inflated on-site for use.

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